



KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

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A kayaker navigates the Patuxent River near Mount Calvert in Prince George's County. Photo by Beverly Hoeffman. Read about the recently completed water trail plan [below](#).

1812 Commission holds semi-annual meeting

With Gov. Martin O'Malley in attendance, the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission held its fourth meeting, June 13 at [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#). The group discussed fundraising strategies, commemorative coin designs, regional planning efforts, and upcoming events and programs.

The U.S. Mint – starting in early 2012 – will issue gold (\$5) and silver (\$1) coins under the Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin Program. Coin designs will be unveiled later this year. The designs include a representation of the Battle of Baltimore, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star-Spangled Banner.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the coins has been authorized to go to the Maryland bicentennial commission to support preservation, education and community revitalization projects, and bicentennial programs and events.

PBS 1812 documentary presents array of perspectives

PBS stations nationwide will air a two-hour documentary, *The War of 1812*, on Monday, Oct. 10 at 9 p.m. (EST). The program incorporates perspectives of the war from American, Canadian, British and Native American viewpoints.

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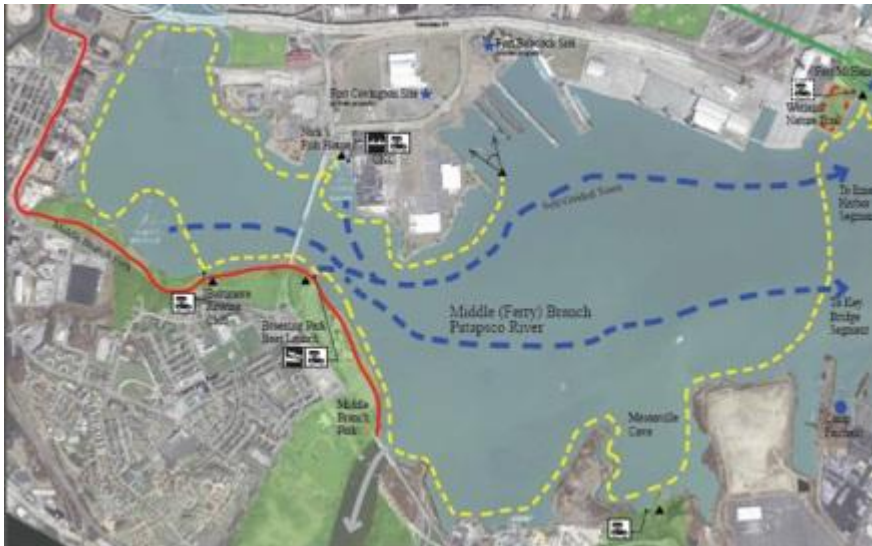
"We have proudly created The War of 1812 for both nations (the U.S. and Canada)," said Donald K. Boswell, president and CEO of WNED, the producing station of the program. "This timely examination of a shared history allows us to celebrate our past together, and renew the bond of our present and future as national neighbors."

The film's companion book, *The War of 1812: A Guide to Battlefields and Historic Sites*, by John Grant and Ray Jones, is illustrated with more than 120 color photographs and archival paintings. A bi-national educational component of the project is also available. It includes educator's guides with lesson plans, classroom posters and other resources. Visit the PBS [web site](#) for more information.

Coppin State senior joins commission as intern

Nkenge Kirton, a rising senior at Coppin State University, has joined the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission as an intern through the 2011 Governor's Summer Internship Program. She will assist the commission with web-site upgrades and social-media marketing through the commission's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. Kirton is a Global Studies major. She's interested in pursuing a professional career in travel and tourism marketing.

Water-trail plan looks at possible upgrades



A new water-trail plan for the [Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#) (STSP) identifies 11 strategic areas along the trail where increased access, stewardship and interpretation could enhance visitor experiences in time for the 2012-2014 national commemoration of the War of 1812 bicentennial. The projects would require a total investment of \$3.33 million, according to the plan.

Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and the Maryland Office of Tourism Development provided funding for the plan's development, which was coordinated by the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.

The National Park Service has also completed an [interpretative plan](#) for the STSP trail and is currently coordinating the development of a combined management plan for the trail and the Star-Spangled Banner Byway.

Recent News

[Women inmates sew 1812 flags for bicentennial celebration](#), *The Baltimore Sun*, June 14, 2011

[Spring Garden students get history lesson as part of Memorial Day event](#), *Carroll County Times*, May 28, 2011

[Pride Of Baltimore II Prepares For 5-Month Journey](#), *WJZ.com*, May 26, 2011

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Baltimore heritage area completes site reports

Jack Spinnler, the [Baltimore National Heritage Area](#) (BNHA)'s War of 1812 bicentennial coordinator, and David Guiney, a retired National Park Service planner, have developed visitor-experience analysis (VEA) studies for three BNHA sites: the [Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#), [Maryland Historical Society](#) and [Patterson Park](#). The studies can help site managers acquire funding and other support for program enhancements and site improvements.

"Jack and David provided a really helpful overview of our site-both the good and the bad," said Annelise Montone, executive director of the Flag House. "The VEA also helps our donors see, at a glance, which projects are prioritized and where exactly their dollars are going."

Bladensburg partners developing 1812 projects

A walking tour and other interpretive projects that highlight War of 1812-related locations in Bladensburg are in development under the auspices of the Battle of Bladensburg Task Force. The walking tour – with a narrative available through brochure and cell phones – starts at [Bladensburg Waterfront Park](#), progresses through Cottage City/Bunker Hill Road and leads to Colmar Manor/Dueling Creek.

Members of the task force are working on these projects: [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) (George Washington House); [M-NCPPC](#) (Balloon Park and Waterfront Park); [Prince George's Heritage Inc.](#) (Magruder House); Amen Memorial Trust (Market Master House and Bladensburg Monument); and the [town of Bladensburg](#)/University of Maryland (Bostwick).

In August, the task force will launch a program to alert the public about the Bladensburg projects. A new web site and social media program will debut. Also, the group will install banners, trail markers and possibly war-related objects, such as cannons along town streets.

NPS names superintendent at Fort McHenry

Tina Orcutt will be the new superintendent of [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#), starting in August, said National Park Service (NPS) Northeast Regional Director Dennis R. Reidenbach. Orcutt replaces Gay Vietzke, who recently became deputy regional director for park operations. As the Fort McHenry superintendent, Orcutt will also be superintendent of [Hampton National Historic Site](#) in Baltimore County.

Orcutt has been associated with the Park Service for 23 years. Her assignments have included: acting superintendent at Jewel Cave National Monument (South Dakota); chief of interpretation and resources management at Booker T. Washington National Monument (Virginia); the NPS budget office (Washington, D.C.); and chief of resources management and acting deputy superintendent at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (Maryland). She is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

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Coast Guard returns FSK Buoy to harbor



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter JAMES RANKIN delivered a stars-and-stripes buoy, May 23, to the alleged site in Baltimore's harbor where Francis Scott Key viewed the American flag in the aftermath of an all-night British attack on [Fort McHenry](#) in 1814. The Francis Scott Key Memorial Buoy remains in the water until the fall every year.

Featured Site



The **Aquila Randall Monument** was erected in 1817 in memory of Aquila Randall, a 24-year-old member of the Mechanical Volunteers, 5th Regiment of the Maryland Militia, who was a casualty in a skirmish preceding the Battle of North Point, Sept. 12, 1814. This monument – located at Baltimore County's Patapsco Neck – may be the second oldest known military monument in Maryland, the third in the U.S.

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